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George H. Ryan Secretary of State

A special discount on license plate fees



As Secretary of State, I'm pleased that this office provides a substantial discount on license plate fees to those who need it most: Circuit Breaker recipients.

The 50 percent discount that is extended to certain lower-income vehicle owners lets them not only watch their budgets but also continue to enjoy the freedom that comes with owning a vehicle. Overall, the measure is aimed toward certain senior citizens and those with disabilities, but the exact qualifications are detailed in this pamphlet.

If you — or someone you know — qualifies, please take advantage of this opportunity. As I'm sure you'll agree after reading this pamphlet, the savings are quite considerable.

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Do I qualify?

If you're a senior or citizen with disabilities who can get a Circuit Breaker grant, you can also get a 50 percent discount on license plates.

This price break on license plates is available to you if you:

- are 65 or older, or at least 16 years old and totally disabled <u>and</u>
- have an annual household income of less than \$14,000 and
- are a surviving spouse 63 years or older of a claimant who is 65 years old or more and
- · are an Illinois resident when you apply.

How do I apply?

Every January, the Secretary of State's office automatically mails out a registration fee discount card to everyone approved for a Circuit Breaker grant by the Illinois Department of Revenue the previous year.

Just fill out the discount card and return it with your vehicle's registration form. You'll then get a 50 percent discount on one set of license plates.

On what plates can I use my discount?

The special lowered price that you pay for a license plate can be applied to a broad range of plate categories. They are:

- passenger car
- handicapped
- "B" truck
- recreational vehicle (8,000 pounds or less)

Normally, all registration fees are \$48, but after your discount, the cost is only \$24.

Please note that if you have vanity license plates (those with letters only), you must continue to pay the additional \$10 yearly fee. This means that if you get the discount for your vanity plates, the total cost is \$34.

Where can I get more info?

Information or an application for the Circuit Breaker program, contact:

Illinois Dept. of Revenue Circuit Breaker Program P.O. Box 19003 Springfield, IL 62794-9003 (800) 624-2459

Approved for a discount and have not received your discount card, call:

Illinois Secretary of State
Department of Human Services
Senior Citizen toll-free hotline
(800) 252-2904
Voice or TDY

The hotline and TDY are services provided by Secretary of State George Ryan.









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